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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, IN, UN

SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - INDIA'S CONTROL SYSTEM

REF: NEW DELHI 12783

1. FROM OUR UN CONTACTS HERE WE KNOW OF NO CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY OTHER COUNTRIES ABOUT PRESENT OR POSSIBLE LEAKAGE OPIUM FROM INDIA (REFTEL). MOREOVER, JUDGING FROM OUR RECOLLECTION OF OCCASIONAL COMMENTS MADE DURING PREVIOUS CND MEETINGS ABOUT INDIA'S CONTROL SYSTEM, THERE SEEMS BE GENERAL TENDENCY PAT INDIA ON BACK FOR ADEQUACY ITS CONTROLS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND IN ABSENCE ANY HARD EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT LEAKAGE INTO THE INTERNATIONAL ILLICIT TRAFFIC, WE WOULD BE INCLINED DOUBT PRUDENCE OF SEEKING PROMOTE MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROLS VIA PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN UPCOMING CND. EVEN IF WE COULD SHOW HARD EVIDENCE OF SUCH LEAKAGE INTO INTERNATIONAL ILLICIT TRAFFIC, IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD BE PREPARED MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS QUESTIONING INDIA'S CONTROL SYSTEM, AND THIS WOULD APPEAR BE PARTICULARLY TRUE OF COUNTRIES WISHING OBTAIN MORE OPIUM. IN ANY EVENT SUCH TACTIC COULD CAUSE INDIA TO PULL BACK ON INCREASING OPIUM ACERAGE, WITH POSSIBILITY THIS COULD PRECIPITATE ATTEMPTS BY OTHERS WITH FAR LESS CONTROL

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CAPABILITY TO GET INTO OPIUM PRODUCING BUSINESS.

2. IT SEEMS TO US THAT PREFERABLE TACTIC FOR PROMOTING STRONGER SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM IN INDIA, AT LEAST FOR PRESENT, WOULD BE FOR UN TO ENGAGE IN QUIET DIPLOMACY AIMED AT PERSUADING GOI OF NEED TO REVIEW AND STRENGTHEN ITS CONTROLS. THIS PROCESS CAN BEGIN WITH INCB VISIT TO INDIA SCHEDULED FOR FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER. IN THIS CONNECTION INCB WOULD NEED ALL HARD EVIDENCE OF LEAKAGE THAT WE CAN PROVIDE TO SERVE AS BACKGROUND FOR ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI. WE ARE ADVISED BY INCB SECRETARY DITTERT THAT IN UPCOMING ROUND OF TALKS WITH GOI, HE AND BOARD PRESIDENT GREENFIELD WILL PROBABLY CONCENTRATE ON FACT-FINDING BUT COULD ALSO SOUND OUT INDIANS ABOUT POSSIBLE UN ASSISTANCE TO HELP THEM IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THEIR CONTROLS.

3. WE CONSIDER IT PREFERABLE THAT HARD EVIDENCE AVAILABLE USG RE LEAKAGES SHOULD INsofar AS POSSIBLE BE PASSED TO DITTERT HERE PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW DELHI ON DEC 2 OR 3, BUT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE ALSO ARRANGE FOR HIM MEET INFORMALLY WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS THERE.  
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